



"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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The Lord Is Coming

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TEXT, "For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty," 2 Peter 1:16.

"For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount. We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost," 2 Peter 1:17-21.

Some doubt that we have any sign of the soon coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but let us note how Peter tries to stamp this thought on our mind, "the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." He shows Christ's power by the words received from God the Father when the Spirit of God came down from the heavens like a dove and after John baptized Him the voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." We are not telling you some-

thing that somebody thinks is going to happen; we are telling you something that the inspired Word of God declares is going to happen—He is coming back! My friend, we have the sure word of prophecy that He is.

In St. John 14:1-10 we find that Jesus Himself said He would come back again. Acts 1:10, 11 gives an account of how two men said that the same Jesus they had seen go away would return. "Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." In Matt. 18:16 Jesus said that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established, so we have His word and the word of the two men in white apparel, making three witnesses. I'm looking for Him today, I am expecting Him to come soon. Next time He is coming to those who are looking for Him. I want to be ready, I mean to be ready. Do you, my friend? And then when we have been with Him about seven years, we shall come back and help Him rule this world. He is coming back! He is coming soon! He said He would. This same Jesus shall come; there is only one, for God so loved this old world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that we might have everlasting life. This same Jesus shall come again. I wonder how many of us today are looking for Him. He may come today, tomorrow or next

week, but, my friend, remember, He is coming. Our troubles and trials will soon be over if our trust is in Him. It is sad to think that there are church members who do not believe in His second coming. Do you believe it? I am not asking you to take my word for it, I am asking you to believe the written Word of God.

"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works," Titus 2:11-14. The second coming of Christ is the Christian's hope.

"To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints," 1 Thess. 3:13. My friends, we must be blameless at His coming. It is time for Christians to get rid of those "little" things that are hindering their experience; and those that are lost, to get saved and be blameless at His coming. I want to meet Him in the air when He comes. Then when He comes back and His feet touch the mount of Olives, I want to be with Him.

In the following scriptures we find the coming of Jesus mentioned: 1 Cor. 1:7—waiting for the coming of our Lord. 1 Cor. 15:23—they that are Christ's at his coming. 1 Thess. 2:19—
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NOTICES

From the Field

Bible Training School, Sevierville, Tenn., will close March 28. The closing exercises will be March 27 and 28th, Wednesday and Thursday. — Zeno C. Tharp.

We began a revival at Stanton, Tex. the first night of January, with Brother Jack Gilbert doing the preaching. The end is not yet. Pray for the success of this meeting.—W. F. Toles, pastor, Stanton, Tex.

To whom it may concern: I have resigned my position as clerk of the church here at Edwards Point.—Alcy Ritchie, Signal Mountain, Tenn.

To the Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's of Alabama: We thank you for your promptness in reporting. The Sunday School banner was won by the Bethel church for the month of December with an increase of forty-two. Sylacauga won the Y. P. E. banner by an increase of ninety-three. Come on and help us go over the top.—T. G. Pearson, state superintendent, Box 97, Pratt City, Ala.

To whom it may concern: We are now in a revival campaign here at York, Pa. A wonderful spirit prevails. Pray that God will grant a real revival in this city. We have purposed in our hearts to do more for Jesus during 1940. Prophecy is our message in these last days.—Russell and Dorothea Ford, evangelists, York, Pa.

I want all the old tracts, Evangelists and booklets and old song books, even if they are soiled, sent to me. I will appreciate it. If you have old discarded Bibles or Testaments, please send to me.—J. B. Weeks, Hazelhurst, Ga.

To whom it may concern: My address for 1940 will be Box 812, Hattiesburg, Miss.—T. W. Godwin.

HELP! HELP! HELP!

Is the cry everywhere in Texas. We need one hundred evangelistic parties with or without tents, if you are not afraid to trust God and are willing to leave your state a little while and come to Texas, the largest state in the U. S. A., with only one-tenth having the real gospel preached to them. We have large cities without a Church of God in them and many good people are crying for help. Now if you feel led to come to Texas, please get in touch with Brother

H. N. Scoggins, 803 N. Main St., Weatherford, Tex., and I'm sure he can put you to work. You can have tent meetings in Texas the year around, so come over and help us. I feel that we don't have long to work, so what we do we had better do quickly. I am in need of a revival now in Aransas Pass. Pray about it and if the Lord leads, write me. May this be the greatest year the Church of God has ever had. If you cannot come, make it possible for someone else to come. May God bless one and all.—Roy J. Young, pastor, Aransas Pass, Tex.

I have just started out in the evangelistic work for the Lord. Anyone desiring my help may let me know. I have had no experience in this work but I do want to be a blessing to lost souls. I am nineteen years old, single and sing. I have been a member of the Church of God for six years. If I can help you, let me know.—Maudine Wood, Rt. 1, Reform, Ala.

We are in a tent meeting with Brother J. C. Cox in charge. This is a new field and Brother Cox is having a battle to fight. Brother Cox has the Tampa district but is very weak in body with high blood pressure and he requests prayer that his body might be healed and that a great revival will break out in Zephyrhills. We

Long Distance Telephone Call

Revival at Greenville, S. C. a landslide. Rev. Thea Jones doing the preaching. 125 saved, 60 sanctified and 54 filled with the Holy Ghost.—A. V. Beaubé, pastor.

would be glad to have the cooperation of all neighboring churches that feel led to lend a helping hand for this is a needy field. Come one and all. Everybody welcome.—Margaret Lois Bell, Zephyrhills, Fla.

To whom it may concern: Our address is Charlie Burkett, Unicoi, Tenn.

I am in the evangelistic work. Anyone needing us for a revival let us know. I have two daughters who play the guitar and sing. It doesn't matter how small or how hard the place may be, we are out for lost souls.—Rev. G. W. Alford, 309 E. Gilmer St., Ennis, Tex.

Mrs. George Danehower is giving a series of lectures on prophecy each Wednesday night at 7:00 o'clock at the Church of God on N. Henry St. at Gadsden, Ala. Mrs. Danehower is a deep Bible student and has been teaching Bible classes in this district for two years. She has just purchased a new chart drawn by Rev. B. L. Hicks. Preachers, if you live in this

district, make this announcement to your congregation and bring all you can get to come to these meetings. The more people learn of prophecy the better Christians they strive to be.—Mrs. Walter Draughdrill, Rt. 1, Alabama City, Ala.

A Confession

To all it may concern, and to all it has concerned:

I, Wm. H. Wilson, have returned to my Father's house, and He has forgiven me and reinstated me to the hope of eternal life through the shed blood of Jesus our Savior and Redeemer.

I sinned and brought disgrace upon the name of the Sovereign and Redeemer of mankind, and now I am squaring up, so far as I am able to do, that I may be a vessel sanctified and meet for the Master's use.

I humbly beg the forgiveness of the Church of God collectively, and the Church branch in Detroit and the people in Pontiac, and the Church branch in Cincinnati of which I was a member. I can't take hold on the great wheel of time and turn back and erase its recorded deeds, it must be made right and confessed, and grace is my only hope. I don't ask to be reinstated, for I am unworthy, but I want your prayers and good will.—Wm. H. Wilson.

Reports

CHAMPAIGN, Ill.—A successful revival, conducted by Brother T. L. Forester, pastor at Urbana, Ill., has just closed. There were fourteen saved, thirteen sanctified, eleven filled with the Holy Ghost and seventeen added to the church. God surely blessed Brother Forester's messages. Brother Oran White directed the choir and did some wonderful special singing. We are revived, refreshed, and moving forward, and we certainly love our pastor and wife.—Wm. Risinger, clerk, 603 N. State St.

WEBBERS FALLS, Okla.—We are still meeting and having good services at Mt. Grove, and we still have the blessing. We are getting along fine. Our pastor has been unable to be with us but very little since June. He was in a car wreck and was in bed three or four months, and our state overseer hasn't been here in eighteen months. We are praying that our new overseer will get over to visit us.

We are planning or trying to build a church building this year, D. V. We know we can't unless the Lord is with us. We have a good Sunday School with about sixty-five average attendance. We are looking forward for great things. Pray that we will hold out faithful to the end and do what the Lord would have us do.—Brother and Sister W. M. Crow.

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS

Highlights of a sermon preached in Middletown, Ohio by Rev. J. R. Davis,
Sunday, November 12, 1939

James 5:8

THE second coming of Jesus is the fundamental principle of all Christian religion. Paul said, "If Christ be not risen, ye are yet in your sins." The second coming of Jesus is mentioned more than any other subject in the New Testament. It is mentioned directly or indirectly 496 times. The Apostle Paul exhorted the Corinthians to comfort one another with these words.

The Prophet Joel said, "Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain, that the day of the Lord is near at hand."

The Prophet Zephaniah said, "Alas—Alas the day of the Lord is at hand, even the voice of the day of the Lord." James tells us that the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruits of the earth and waits for the early and latter rain. Then he exhorts the Christians to be patient for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

The second coming of Jesus is the Christian's hope. Titus calls it a glorious appearing, and it will be a glorious appearing for those who are ready. Enoch, the seventh man from Adam, prophesied that the Lord will come with ten thousand saints.

Let us call your attention to the prophecy of His first coming. In Genesis 49:10, Jacob was blessing his sons and telling their future and as he came to Judah he said, "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a law giver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; unto him shall the gathering of the people be." Truly this was fulfilled at the coming of Jesus. Our Lord sprang from the tribe of Judah.

Now if you do not believe the second coming doctrine as taught in the Bible then tear out the passage that tells of His first coming. I appeal to you if the evidence and the witnesses are unimpeached in the first part of the case, how are you going to impeach the same witnesses in the second part of the case? Let us notice again in the gospel of Isaiah, 7:14, "Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." In Micah 5:2, at Bethlehem all these prophecies I am going to mention are speaking about the movements of Jesus Christ up to and after His second advent. Jeremiah 31:15 speaks of the children being killed. Hosea 11:1, "Called out of Egypt" has reference to the time when the angel told Joseph to take Mary and the young child and flee into Egypt.

Doctor Kleckler, while traveling in the country of Egypt, tells the story of

how he and his party camped near a well. While they were resting, a guide walked up and asked, "Do you know the history of this well?" They replied, "We do not know the history as we are from the United States." The guide said, "The water in this well was once bitter, but when Joseph, Mary, and the Babe Jesus passed by and camped on this spot of ground, it is said that Mary washed some of the garments of Jesus in this water and it has been sweet ever since."

As I speak to you tonight, I feel His presence now, knowing that if we have His Spirit with us and in us, we too, will be changed and all things become new to us and our lives will be a blessing to others.

In Zechariah 9:9 we notice the prophecy concerning His entry into Jerusalem. These prophecies were fulfilled to a jot and tittle.

Zechariah 13:7 speaks of His being forsaken by His disciples.

Zechariah 11:12 speaks of His being sold for thirty pieces of silver.

Zechariah 13:7 speaks of the potters' field being bought.

Isaiah 50:60 says that He would be spit upon and scourged.

Exodus 12:46 and Psalms 34:20 says that not a bone should be broken.

Psalms 69:12 says that gall and vinegar should be given Him.

Psalms 22 says that His hands and feet should be pierced and His garments parted.

Isaiah 53 told of His suffering and rejecting His patience and His death.

All of these prophecies foretelling the first coming of Christ were fulfilled to the "letter." I am speaking of the doctrine based upon the infallibility of God's Word which infallibility foretold the first coming. Why not believe it when it tells of His premillennial second advent. You must take the Bible as a whole and believe it or you must be like the Satanic cults and agents of the country, "tear it up."

Where is Jesus Christ now? The crucifixion guaranteed His resurrection and the resurrection guaranteed the ascension. In 1 John 2:1 we read, "We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." He is at the right hand of the Father making intercession for you and for me. I believe the Bible when it told me He would come the first time. I believe the Bible when it tells me where He is now, what He is doing, and what He is going to do; namely, that He is coming for me. He said, "I will come

again and receive you unto myself."

In John 14:1, 2, the Scripture teaches that Jesus is coming again. In Luke 1:32 it says, "He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David; and he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever: and of his kingdom there shall be no end." Angels announced His birth and sang the grandest song the world has ever heard. That chorus was "Glory to God in the highest."

In studying God's Word, we find that the angels have always played an important part in announcing His visits to earth. In the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles we notice angels announcing His second coming, and Luke tells us that when He comes the second time He will bring all the holy angels with Him. At His first coming He came to His own and His own received Him not, but as many as did receive Him He gave them power to become the sons of God. The first time He came the soldiers gambled for His clothes, but at His second coming He shall be clothed in power and majesty. At His first coming He became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. At His second coming, Paul tells us He is going to find a company of saints who will admire Him and who will love His appearing. John tells us in Revelation that when Jesus was last seen He was walking in the midst of seven golden candlesticks, clothed with a garment down to the foot and girt about the paps with a golden girdle and He had in His right hand seven stars and out of His mouth went a sharp twoedged sword and His countenance was as the sun shining in the brightness of His strength and that He laid His hand upon John and said, "Fear not, I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth and was dead! and behold I am alive forever more, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death." His second advent will be "Behold he cometh with clouds." Rev. 1:8. He will come in midair. Paul describes His second advent in 1 Thess. 4:16-18, "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

He is coming in person, in bodily form. Are we prepared to meet Him tonight? If not, will you come to His altar and confess your sins? He is ready and willing to forgive all who come unto Him. Come repenting; come confessing and forsaking your sins, and He will abundantly

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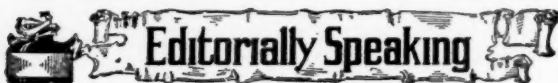
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The Comforter

A GREAT deal has been said by different religionists as to the title that should be used with respect to the third person in the Trinity. Many use the title "Holy Ghost." Some, however, use the title "Holy Spirit." There has been a feeling by some of those who use the title "Holy Ghost" that those who use the title "Holy Spirit" are out of order in doing so, that such a title is used only because of pride, while on the other hand, those who use the title "Holy Spirit" many times feel that those who use the title "Holy Ghost" are not giving the proper reverence to Him, all because the word "ghost" has been associated with spook stories. There is no difference, however, in the titles "Holy Ghost" and "Holy Spirit." These titles are identical. When Jesus gave up the ghost, He gave up the spirit, and His spirit or His ghost is a Holy Spirit or Holy Ghost.

One of the great titles of the third person of the Godhead is the word "Comforter." By this title Jesus referred to Him when He said, "I will send you another Comforter." The word "Comforter" sets this wonderful being aside as the Supernatural Paraclete (Greek: Parakletoas), that is, one called or arrived along side of to the aid of another, an attorney, lawyer, spokesman, advocate, COMFORTER. He is thus represented as One who has come into our lives as a heavenly truth-teacher and guide, a voice from heaven, a joy-giver, faith-producer, a peacemaker, and witness within. He is the One who stands in our stead.

While Jesus was upon the earth, He was the natural and the divine, which combination became a mediator or an advocate. Upon His departure He told His disciples that He would not leave them by themselves or without someone to represent them, that He would send another Comforter.

However, John speaks of Him, 1 John 2:1, as an "advocate," a word that is taken from the same Greek word as "comforter." Since Jesus has ascended to the Father and is forever at the right hand of God making intercession for us, He is the Advocate, the Consoler, or Lawyer, who pleads our

case there in the presence of God, and the Holy Ghost, another Comforter, another one to stand in our stead, may abide in us here to transport our message from this end of the line, another Comforter to be with us. What a beautiful picture, that after all earthly help has failed we have One upon whom we can rely, one of the Godhead, in whom lies all power both in heaven and in earth, to represent and defend us.

The Powers That Be

SOME have thought that adhering to Christianity would make one rebellious of earthly government, but rebellion to earthly government is certainly adverse to the spirit of Christianity. Jesus Himself taught that we should render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's. Paul also taught in Rom. 13:3, "For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil." And still again, in verse 4, "For he is the minister of God to thee for good." Verse 5 clinches the thought even more firmly when it says, "Wherefore ye must needs be subject." The better Christian a person is, the better citizen he will be for the Spirit of God and the Word of God do not cause one to be rebellious. It makes him a better citizen than he was before he accepted Christianity.

If any of the Bible writers had a right to be rebellious to government perhaps it was Peter and yet Peter says in his first epistle, the 2nd chapter and 13th verse, "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well." It might also be well to notice that the Apostle Peter suggests that the children of God bestow honor upon those who are over us even in the political world, for in verse 17 he says, "Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king."

We may be against communism, we may be against nazism, we may be against every other ism that would try to undermine our American government, but we must always respect those who are our officials, be subject to and honor our mayors, our governors, our President. It is and shall be the policy of the Editor of the Evangel to honor and respect those who are in authority over us, politically as well as religiously.

Crepe Hangers

UNDER the head of "Education Declining," these words appeared in a recent religious periodical: "The average person today, with all the centralized schools, public libraries, universities, schools of all sorts, is not as well educated as people were fifty years ago. The average graduate of the public high school cannot write a letter of a hundred words without misspelling words, bumbling the punctuation, confusing capitalization, and making various other errors. To be sure, the average high school graduate knows a great deal more about the parts of an automobile, aviation, and similar things, but gross internal effects of a careful education which show themselves in refinement, in language, and in manner are sadly missing. The man knows much but the man himself is not educated and refined. Men are more like machines and are not, as a rule, deep thinkers."

This is the case of another crepe-hanger. We have them in every department of life, in education, in politics, and in religion.

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REQUESTS

"With thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." Phil. 4:6.

PRAY FOR:

I am in a backslidden condition; pray that I may get back to the Lord; God to make a way for me to go to church. If anyone cares to write me, it will be appreciated.—Mrs. Sam Staten, Jasper, Fla.

Our little mission here which is about to go down; God to send a preacher here who is best for this work; the people here who are very hard-hearted; my unsaved loved ones to be saved; the Lord to help my husband to overcome; us to be drawn closer to God.—Mrs. Jim Wallace, Rt. 3, c/o C. W. Lynch, Winder, Ga.

The healing and saving of my son who got cut badly at a sawmill; me to be healed; my other children to be saved; our church at Middle Creek. Anointed cloth appreciated.—Callie Bryant, Rt. 2, Cosby, Tenn.

Me to be healed. Brother Rouse, please pray for me.—Mrs. Marvin Jones, Rt. 1, Lithia, Fla.

My mother who has a very bad heart and other serious ailments to be healed. Mr. Elmer Foltz, who is very ill, to be healed; his wife to be healed of cancer; Sister Mary Shenk to be healed and strengthened; her father and brother to be saved; God to have His way in her home. God to bless the church here and bless our efforts in meeting our obligations; our children to be saved; me to be healed of pyorrhea and other weaknesses; the healing of Sister Fred Burkholder. Fast for these if led.—Mrs. Paul R. Walker, Broad St., Newville, Pa.

Me to have power to overcome; my children and brother to be saved; the healing of my body.—Sister Elizabeth Hickman, 651 Hill St., Kingsport, Tenn.

My husband to be healed of stomach trouble; me to be healed of head trouble and the flu.—Mrs. Terry, Rt. 2, Box 22, Princeton, W. Va.

My parents to hold to the Lord; my mother to gain more strength; my relatives that they may be saved; my grandparents to come back to Christ.—Freda and Josephine Martin, Redelm, S. Dak.

My sight is very dim and my glasses are broken. Pray that somehow I will be able to get me another pair. Pray earnestly for the Lord to bless us.—Sister P. L. Rigby, Grand Turk Island, B. W. I.

The healing of my daddy's body of dropsy and many other ailments; the complete healing of my body; a young girl to be healed of asthma.—Dorris Brewer, Rt. 1, Union, Miss.

God to have His way at Cross Keys, Pa. and send an old time revival; my throat to be entirely healed; my brother to be drawn closer to God and healed of a bad case of ulcers of the stomach and

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YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

GOLDEN VALLEY, N. Dak.—I praise God for all things. The only right way is to serve God with your whole heart. I had a wonderful vision. I was in heaven playing for Jesus on the most beautiful instrument. He just sat and smiled at me. Only a few people were there. The ceiling and walls sparkled like diamonds. I am more determined than ever to live for Him and make heaven my home. Pray for me.—Marie Hudson.

A report. We have just closed a ten days' meeting at Marco with great success from the first. The Lord was with us in power. Sinners and backsliders came flocking to the altar, making public confessions. Sixteen were saved, eleven sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost; ten came into the church in the last service. We observed the Lord's Supper and washed the saints' feet and all were happy like our Savior said we would be. The altar was full of seekers and we regret that we could not stay longer but we had to see after the remainder of the district. We are expecting more results from Marco.—Yours in the Master's service, H. B. Simmons and wife.

From testimony in Evangel: I thank God for the Bible Training School at Cleveland, Tennessee, and for causing me to enlist. I have been preaching for four years and God has wonderfully blessed. God said, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."—Your humble servant, W. B. Davis.

filled with the Holy Ghost.—Sarah Clayton, Perulack, Pa.

Me to be healed of nerve trouble and an effected eye; my loved ones to be saved; unspoken request; me to get closer to the Lord; God to make a way for me to go to church.—Miss Mossie Helmandollar, Box 26, Tams, W. Va.

Me and my family, I want to be able to get out on the field again.—W. Jarvis, Sumiton, Ala.

My son to be healed of nervous spells; a sister in Christ to be healed of gall bladder trouble.—Ada Allgood, Okeene, Okla.

My sister, Francis Fritts, to be healed

of a bad mind.—Mrs. Clarence Snyder, Lenoir City, Tenn.

Me to become a Christian of unmeasurable faith and patience. Anointed cloth or papers of any kind will be greatly appreciated. — Robert Leroy Kinnamon, Rockford, Tenn.

My mother to be healed of a bad head trouble; my throat; Rowe Vinson to get the Holy Ghost; Mrs. Miller to be healed. Encouraging letters appreciated.—Miss Pearl Webb, Highlands, N. C.

Unspoken request. Pray earnestly. — Mrs. Bessie Jenk, Princeton, W. Va.

My body to be healed and me to have more faith; my children to be healed of deep colds; my husband to get salvation; a friend who is very low to be healed and saved; my mother to be saved and healed.—Emma Smith, Star Rt., Gurley, Ala.

I am much better since requesting prayer for my healing. I appreciate the good prayers, anointed cloths and encouraging words. Please pray for my complete healing. I am still trusting the Lord.—Victory Allen, Rt. 2, Oneonta, Ala.

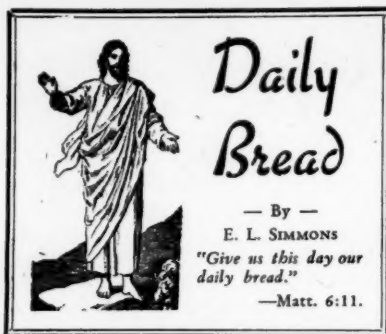
We Give Honor and Praise to God

KENVIR, Ky.—Dear readers: I thank God for a saved and sanctified life and a desire to live for Jesus each day. We, the Churches of God at Harlan, Kenvir and Packard, Ky., thank the Lord for the great success He gave us in our pastor's (Bishop Ed Johnson's) first anniversary in our new church at Harlan, Ky. We give honor and praise to God for the many gifts, tokens and words of praise to our pastor. Pray for our continuance in the Lord and that me might love God and our pastor more and more.

Since then the Lord has directed us in a spiritual revival. Souls are crying at the altar to be saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Several have been saved already. Remember us in a special prayer that God will send more workers into the vineyard.—Sister Zella Francis (colored), president.

CARRIERS MILLS, Ill.—We praise the Lord for the good saints of God here at Carriers Mills, Ill. Yes sir, the Lord is working here and you can see the church beginning to grow. Praise the Lord. We have some of the best people here you have ever seen. Thank God. They are Church of God people, true blue, pay their tithes, and thank God, wear long sleeves and long hair. Praise the Lord. Come on, Church of God, you can look for Carriers Mills, we will be there.—Jas. H. Freeman, pastor.

Spirituality is God in the soul, making it flexible to the touch of His divine hand, moulded into a vessel of honor and well-filled with heaven's perfume.



Sunday, January 21

"None of these things."

Read Acts 20:24.

The story is told of an acorn that fell in the midst of the prairie. It sprang forth and the little twig was openly exposed to all the winds that came across the bleak prairie. As the winds blew the tree rooted deeply. The top which grew slowly and waved back and forth only caused the roots to sink deeper into the earth. Eventually a cyclone came through the country. It almost tore the top from the oak that was in the midst of the prairie but it remained steadfast and soon sprang forth again, while in the timber on the side of the prairie a clearing was opened up by the cyclone, which looked like a railroad right-of-way. The child of God can be so steadfastly fixed in God until the winds of adversity cannot move him.

Monday, January 22

"None beside thee."

Read 2 Chron. 14:11.

The odds against Asa were enormous. There were a million men in arms against him, besides three hundred chariots. It seemed impossible to hold his own against that vast multitude. There were no allies who would come to his help. His only help, therefore, was in God. It may be that your difficulties are equal to those of Asa's, and that practically everything seems to be against you, but there is a wonderful consolation in the thought that when there is none to help God is still on the throne and if He is for us we need no other allies.

Tuesday, January 23

"The man believed."

Read John 4:50.

There is a wonderful climax in faith. Without faith it is impossible to please God. "Faith is not a chance, nor sight, nor reason, but a taking God at His Word.—Evans. Believe and trust through stars and suns; Through life and death, through soul and sense, His wise, paternal purpose runs.

The darkness of His providence
Is scarlet with divine intense.

Wednesday, January 24

"Showers of blessings."

Read Ezek. 34:26.

"How are you feeling this morning?" the question was asked of a Christian lady. "Oh, I feel so dry," she remarked. "I cannot feel the Spirit at all." "Then if this is true," remarked the other, "you are in a good condition for a shower." There is no place so inviting to a real shower as the dry and thirsty ground. The feeling of dryness is the hunger and thirst that shall bring a filling from heaven, and this God has promised to those who hunger and thirst after righteousness.

Thursday, January 25

"Shall not overflow thee."

Read Isa. 43:2.

God has not promised that He will not allow the storm to come upon us. He has not promised that we shall not have to pass through the waters. He has not promised that there will not be a flood-tide of evil come our way, but He has promised that even though all of these incursions may come that they shall not overflow us. All storms may be rebuked when we have Jesus with us and in our bark or our profession as He was in the ship that crossed Galilee. Our trust must be entirely in Him.

Friday, January 26

"Comfort ye my people."

Read Isa. 40:1.

In the large hospitals there are hundreds of nurses who are trained, not only to administer by way of giving medicine, but also to comfort and to console those who are ill. The one who is best able to administer aid is one who has been aided, and Jesus Christ is the great physician who not only aids us or has aided us but also trains us in the art of being a comfort to others, and so He repeats to Isaiah, "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God."

Saturday, January 27

"More than conquerors."

Read Rom. 8:37.

Slightly less than two months ago when the country of Russia with its multiplied millions of people threatened Finland, the sympathy of the world was with that little country. Few people thought that Finland could hold her own against such a powerful nation, but the last few weeks has shown the Finns to be victorious and conquerors, not only that they have escaped defeat and destruction but
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Question Box

Question: Should the Church of God be disciplined in A. D. 1940 as it was in A. D. 65?—H. E. S.

Answer: It would be hard to tell to just what extent the early Church was disciplined but it is a fact that every order inaugurated by God has been organic and governmental, that is to say, it has been a perfect system. This is certainly shown in the beginning in the order of the creation. The direction and explanation is given by the Apostle Paul in First Corinthians, the 12th chapter through the 14th. He very plainly sets forth the necessity for system and government. Just as much is required of the Church today as then.

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Question: Does the scripture in Matt. 27:51-53 refer to the 144,000 Jews? Please explain these three verses.—L. H.

Answer: No. The 144,000 Jews are sealed during the tribulation period or during the seventieth week of Daniel's prophecy. The scripture referred to probably has reference to the preaching of Christ to the antediluvians during the time His body was in the tomb, and these which were seen were those spirits to which Christ preached and who accepted Christ's preaching and were delivered from the paradise beneath to the paradise above. Read 1 Peter 3:19, 20.

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Question: Matt. 8:11, 12 speaks of the children of the kingdom being cast out into darkness. Who are the children and what is the kingdom?—Mrs. E. S. B.

Answer: The children of the kingdom are the Jews who rejected Christ. "He came to his own and his own received him not," therefore, the literal kingdom was not set up on earth but was deferred. The spiritual kingdom, the Church, was then set up. Christ said that many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham and with Isaac and with Jacob (these are the Gentiles) in the kingdom of heaven. The Gentiles supplant the Jews who might have had the place had they accepted the Messiah.

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Question: Please explain 1 Cor. 7:34-36.

Answer: According to the custom of the Orient, virgins were given in marriage by their father. All marriage contracts were made with the parents. In this passage the Syriac Version says "virgin daughter." An examination of the context will certainly show that to be the true meaning so that the true interpretation of the passage is that if a man think that he is not treating his daughter
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Foreign Missions

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary of Mission Board



REV. DAVID G. RUESGA

Mission Board Visits Mexico

On Tuesday morning the General Overseer, J. H. Walker, with Mission Board composed of E. W. Williams, E. C. Clark, E. E. Winters, and M. P. Cross, left for the national congress of The Christian National Church of the Assemblies of God with headquarters in Mexico City, Mex. Brother Zeno C. Tharp is also a member of the Mission Board but because of urgent responsibilities at the Bible School was unable to go. The General Overseer of this Pentecostal group meeting in Mexico City is the Rev. David G. Ruesga. His picture and the picture of his headquarters building appeared in the Evangel right after the Assembly but we



Where the Congress will convene

are running it again to give our readers an idea of this prospect. Brother Ruesga with his entire group of seventy or eighty churches anticipates a union with the Church of God.

MEET JAPANESE MISSIONARY

On Thursday the General Overseer and Mission Board will meet Brother Leonard W. Coote, who has quite an extensive mission work in Japan, having been there for approximately twenty years. He will be accompanied by J. H. Ingram, who has for several years been the Church of God's

travelling missionary and ambassador of good will to all nations. Brother Coote is intensely interested in the Church of God and it may be that his meeting with the Mission Board will terminate in his extensive mission work in Japan being added to the Church of God missionary endeavors. Brother Coote will meet the Board in San Antonio, Tex. The Church of God with its ministry is hereby requested to pray especially for the Mission Board on this trip that God will wonderfully bless them and give them great success in this endeavor.

WORLD-WIDE REVIVAL COMING

BY EARL A. CRIPPS

A world-wide revival is not only needed but it is scriptural and therefore is bound to come, whether this generation lives to see it or not. But if it does not it is because we have not met the conditions and the Church of the next generation does—much the same as the Israel of Moses' time did not enter into the promised land and the next generation under Joshua and Caleb did. For there are certain spiritual laws which govern revivals and the most important one is preaching the gospel, the whole gospel and nothing but the gospel.

Our High Priest is in the Holy of holies in heaven and His blood is sprink-

ling the mercy seat for the whole world. But faith (or knowledge of it) comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God, and how are people going to know that Jesus took their sins, infirmities and sicknesses (Matt. 8:17; Isa. 53:4, 5) and pours out His Spirit upon all flesh (Acts 2:16, 17) if the Church does not tell them?

So if Zion of this generation publishes the glad tidings instead of waiting for the next one to do so, the signs will follow as in the Acts of the Apostles and "her feet will be beautiful upon the mountains" to the 125,000 blind and 500,000 deaf and dumb in America and the three million lepers in India, China and Japan and hundreds of millions will believe that He who has power to say

"Arise, take up thy bed and walk," has power to forgive sins also.

Revival at Logan, Ill.

LOGAN, Ill.—A successful revival has just closed in which nine were saved and one filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Daniel Slay was our evangelist; he surely did some timely and inspiring preaching. Good crowds attended the services and many of the saints felt that it was the best revival the Logan church has had for years. Along with preaching Brother Slay helped our L. W. B. greatly since he is a very good cook. He also raised money and bought the pastor a new suit. Pray for us at Logan. — Archie McWilliams, pastor.

LEAVES FROM THE FIG TREE

An Interpretation of Current Events in the Light of Holy Prophecy

"Now, learn a parable of the fig tree: when his branch is yet tender and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh," Matt. 24:32.

By JUDGE SULLIVAN

If the allies render aid to Finland, Hitler threatens to offer aid to Russia. He probably will aid Russia anyway. It would be the natural thing to expect. Both are anti-God and both are motivated by hatred and malice. What more natural than for them to stand together?

The President's appointment of a "personal ambassador" to the vatican at Rome continues to elicit much editorial comment. The great Lutheran church, through its leaders, has violently objected to opening diplomatic relations with any religion. The Baptists are not at all pleased with the idea. It is true that the Pope is the spiritual head of the great Roman Catholic church, but he is also a temporal ruler. Let Holy-Ghost people "view with alarm" any tendency to compromise their government.

We are told in St. Matthew's Gospel that the events of today are merely the "beginning of sorrows." With the earth quaking, men's hearts failing, unemployment, misery, hunger, wars and rumors of wars, nations and civilizations crumbling and tottering, what will it be like when the wrath of God is being poured out without measure? The shadow of the awful tribulation now envelops the earth. Midnight is almost here. Let us all remember that "AT MIDNIGHT THERE WAS A CRY MADE: BEHOLD THE BRIDEGROOM COMETH."

The earthquakes we mentioned last week in this column are getting closer home. January 5 found the vicinity of Charleston, S. C. quaking. While no lives were lost nor property damaged to any appreciable extent, the earth did quake. WHY? JESUS SAID IT WOULD, AND AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME.

TIME, the news magazine, reports that on one occasion during the present Russo-Finnish war, a group of officers and men clearly saw in the heavens an angel standing with his hands toward the Russian troops, warding them away. When a magazine such as TIME reports such an event it takes on unusual credence. I am not at all surprised to hear this, and am inclined to accept it as truth. In that

war we know on which side the God of hosts would fight. Well, we are told that at this time there would be "SIGNS IN THE HEAVENS."

The first issue of the Saturday Evening Post for the New Year had the customary baby on the front cover. However, this little fellow was peering through a gas mask, carrying a soldier's kit and was, apparently, ready for battle. What a hopeless, dark world for a baby to be born into!

The Associated Press informs us that during the recent holidays more than forty people died by suicide. They found life not worth the living. Some of them were well-to-do financially and, by ordinary standards, should not have had a worry in the world. Life is palling today on men everywhere. WHY? "MEN'S HEARTS FAILING THEM FOR FEAR AND FOR LOOKING AFTER THOSE THINGS THAT ARE COMING UPON THE EARTH."

England is having some internal dissension. Their Secretary of War, Hon. Leslie Hore-Belisha, has been removed from the cabinet and the newspapers and people of England resented it. They can't present a united front against Germany if they bicker and quarrel among themselves. Their empire is also somewhat divided. Ghandi, the leader of millions of Indians, is refusing to assist in the prosecution of the war. While he agrees with England that they are fighting a just war for a just cause, he maintains that England and the other nations should adopt the policy of "turning the other cheek." It all adds up to this: "PERILOUS TIMES." DISTRESS OF NATIONS.

Homer Rankin, Wichita, Kansas, flew from St. Louis to Miami, Fla., a distance of 1,084 miles, in four hours, 37 minutes and 50 seconds. He flew at the average speed of 234 miles an hour. Men are doing things which almost stagger the imagination. Television is upon us. Imagine the performers in the broadcasting stations being seen and heard in the quietness of your own home. No wires.

The atmosphere will be harnessed to carry sight waves as well as sound waves and television is an accomplished fact. When were these things to be? Daniel said that in THE TIME OF THE END KNOWLEDGE SHALL BE INCREASED.

How about those New Year resolutions? Are you still keeping them? How about the "new leaf" you turned over? Is it still clean? Just thought it might be interesting to inquire about it.

Reports are rife concerning so many schools not opening on schedule following the Christmas holidays. "Flu" is again raging in some sections of the country. These ailments, coupled with all the other terrible things that are happening, add up to "PERILOUS TIMES."

Dr. Walter W. Meier, the famous Lutheran radio preacher, said in his sermon of Sunday, January 7, that the radio was a gift from God that the church and ministry might utilize it for the spreading of the gospel. He said it might very well be God's last effort to evangelize the world. Let the great Church of God, the custodian of the gospel of the kingdom, be alert to use the radio to preach Bible holiness every time the opportunity presents itself.

Collier's, on their editorial page, recently had this to say: "While we were all looking in horror and fascination at the outbreak and opening maneuvers of Europe's newest large scale war, our own national debt was not idle. Our national debt pushed past \$41,000,000.00 late in October and is now galloping gaily toward—well, write your own figure. The only thing that stands across its path is the Federal law limiting the national debt to \$45,000,000.00. Soon enough that too may be changed." That, coming from so eminent a source as Collier's, suggests that financial chaos is upon us. What will be the outcome? Economic despair, industrial ruin and social upheavals. Why? "IN THE LAST DAYS PERILOUS TIMES WILL COME!"

"And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another,"—Matt. 24:10.

AT THE CHURCH OF GOD PUBLISHING HOUSE



Transcribing and Proofreading Department

One of the more important departments of the Church of God Publishing House is the transcribing department. Every week hundreds of letters containing reports, requests, testimonies, obituaries, and the like, pour into this department. For the most part they are all written in longhand and before they can be used have to be typewritten, double-spaced, so they can be corrected and abridged. Much of this material cannot be used at all in the form that it comes to the office, and has to be reconstructed, punctuated, and paragraphed to make the composition presentable. We have done our best to use all such material, and special attention is given to reports, notices, and requests.

This department, even though called the transcribing department, has many other duties that fall upon it. Here all

the transcribing department. Her service of the proofreading for the Publishing House is done. At the present time our Lighted Pathway, the Church of God Evangel, eight state papers, and the Sunrise Crusader, published by Rev. Goolsby of Chattanooga, are periodicals that are published at your Publishing House. Added to this is our vast output of Sunday School literature, books that we print for others and for ourselves, song books for five different music companies, and a multitude of job work. All of this passes through the transcribing office three times. The first time it is transcribed and corrected. The second time it is proofread on galley after it has been set up by the linotype operators. The third time the page proofs are read to be sure that all corrections have been made.

This is to maintain the high grade of work that the Church of God Publishing House has a reputation of doing.

Besides the work of transcribing and proofreading, this department takes care of the ordering of materials for the printing department, bookkeeping department, and the sales department, which requires considerable typing in addition to the regular transcribing work. This department also takes care of the secretarial work of the Music Editor.

As you look at the picture, the lady on the left is Mrs. Cletta (Wales) Walker, originally of Louisiana. Mrs. Walker has been with the Church of God Publishing House for approximately eight years, all of which time she has been in

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✿ Notes of Praise ✿

Wonderful Healings

I praise God for good old time salvation. If there ever was a time I appreciate the goodness of the Lord it's now in this day when it seems so hard for people to pray through, for the enemy is so strong. It surely is a perilous time.

Sister Beatrice Finch and I have just returned from a series of revivals, one at Conaway, Va., one at Big Rock, Va., and one at Maxie, Va., where twenty-nine altogether were seeking the Lord. There were seven saved and a number healed. An invalid of three years had a cancer taken out from under her heart and one kidney removed, but when she came to the Lord seeking balm for her soul He healed her body. Then at Big Rock the first day we were there the Lord instantly healed a seven months' old baby. Its mouth was a solid sore with the thrush and the doctor had treated it for ten days. It grew worse continually so much so that it couldn't nurse its bottle, only a draw at a time. Its mother asked us to pray for it. The baby went to sleep at 3:30 that evening, slept until 11:00 o'clock that night, nursed a bottle full of milk, got up next morning without a trace of thrush.

One night while in service a man came to us saying his mother was bleeding to death with a hemorrhage of the brain. We went to her home where she had lost a great amount of blood and there was a stream of blood about the size of a match pouring continually from her nose. We prayed for her and the Lord instantly healed her. He's real to me; He changes not His power, He is ever the same. Another was a crippled woman of fourteen years' standing. The Lord instantly healed her at home and she came to the theatre where we were holding services and people were amazed, knowing what an awful condition she had been in and then seeing her walk just as good as one in perfect health when she had lived there for seven years in their midst without walking a step for months at a time. They began to say we were witches and devils hypnotizing the people, as holiness was never preached there until last year when I held a revival there. We had the privilege of seeing an eight-year-old boy instantly healed of pneumonia; within half an hour he was dressed and playing.

At Maxie, Va., the Lord put a crippled woman to walking who had sat in a chair or on the bed for five years, had to be moved by her husband from one room to another. Many other healings were done by the mighty hand of God. Pray for me that I'll be an overcomer, an obedient child of the King and that He will save my husband and children, also many friends and neighbors.—Mrs. Della R.

Patrick, Box 585, Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

GILROY, Calif.—I can report victory in my soul today. I have had a great test and I praise God I came out victorious. I was very sick with some kind of stomach trouble. My husband went to the Assembly church where we worshipped and requested prayer for me and I was completely healed that night. Tuesday night after testifying to my healing the devil attacked me with something still worse, something like gall bladder trouble, but I praise God for hearing and answering prayer. I praise the Lord for healing my children of high fever. They were very sick and the Lord healed them. Bless His name. Hallelujah, I feel His presence now.—Lillie Smith, 155 S. Forrest St.

DREW, Miss.—I praise the Lord for salvation; for the many times He has healed my body. I was bothered with my stomach and the Lord healed me. Sister Gazway's girl had tonsillitis so I asked her if she didn't know the Lord could heal. After she left I prayed for her and the Lord told me she was healed. I give God all the praise for it for He did the work.

Please pray for my home and that I will stay humble.—Annie Mingo, Rt. 2.

LAKE PLACID, Fla.—Thank the Lord for His many blessings from time to time. A short time ago my son was in the hospital with pneumonia and kidney trouble. He called me to his bedside one night and asked me to pray for him and said if the Lord didn't heal him he wouldn't get well. I laid my hands on him and prayed to myself (as it was against the rules to pray aloud). He said in a few minutes he felt better. Thank the Lord. When I got to my father's and mother's we prayed. I returned to the hospital and he was asleep. It did not hurt him any more to cough. His fever was all gone in a short time. Thank the Lord.

I have had salvation twenty-eight years. Pray for my son and his wife to get salvation, also my other unsaved loved ones to be saved.—Mrs. Edna Williams.

EDGEFIELD, S. C.—I praise the Lord for saving, sanctifying, and filling me with the Holy Ghost. I am glad I am an overcomer, ready to go any time. I praise the Lord for our home, a home of prayer, a home where Jesus is welcome at all times.

I am so glad the Lord has spared my life. I have been right at death's door and He spared my life for some cause. I mean to do my best for Him. Please help me

pray for my brothers and sisters that God will bring them back to the fold. They once had the Holy Ghost and went back on the Lord.

We are proud of our little church at Edgefield. We have just a few members but God surely does bless here and always helps us to overcome. Pray for us that we will ever stand true.—Mrs. D. P. Burton, 403 Nicholson St.

GREENVILLE, S. C.—Greetings to all the Evangel readers with joy and love and as a finite being honoring and praising an infinite God for our opportunity to find the way of holiness. I was dissatisfied all the days of my life till I heard the doctrine of holy living and a way to obtain it. Since that night it has been happy days on earth.—John R. McIntyre.

CHERRY VALLEY, Ark.—Our baby was sick with sores over most of his body. We spent about \$10.00 for medicine but it did no good, then we prayed and God healed his body. He is a wonderful Savior if we will only trust Him. My wife and I are saved and filled with the Holy Ghost and fire. Our home is a home of prayer.

Six weeks ago I got my arm broken and tonight I praise the Lord for what He has been to me. My arm was broken at my wrist. I held my broken arm with my left hand and began praising the Lord and I could feel God's presence, and tonight I am writing this with my broken hand. It was swollen only three days to amount to anything. My wrist was crushed in five pieces. I had an X-ray made and it showed it was back in place. Please pray that it will continue to get strong.—Cecil Lacey.

GRAHAM, Tex.—I thank and praise the Lord for saving my soul from sin, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost. I appreciate the Lord and the blessings He gives me each day and for healing my body when I am sick.

I had eczema on my face and neck and the Lord healed me of it. I can't praise Him enough for what He has done for me. He is coming back one of these days and I do want to be ready when He comes or calls for me. I love the Church of God; I love my brothers and sisters in Christ; I love my sinner friends. I want to see them saved. Pray for my unsaved loved ones and pray for me.—Rosie Emerson.

LAKE HELEN, Fla.—I praise the Lord for the Evangel. It has been a week-end guest for more than three years and has been such a big help to me and food to my soul as I don't get to go to church very often. Last Thursday I took very sick with the flu. Saturday night pneumonia set in. I had no one to pray for me

and I was reading the Evangel and the Spirit of the Lord spoke to me and told me to lay it on my side in the name of Jesus. I did and was instantly healed.

Please pray a special prayer for my unsaved husband and children. Pray that a way will be made for me to be in service more and that I will stand true till He comes.—Mrs. C. C. Ally.

FLETCHER, N. C.—I praise the Lord for the sweet Holy Ghost and for His wonderful healing power. There is no case too hard for Him. He raised me off the deathbed about ten months ago. My side was giving me lots of trouble; it hurt me so badly that I could hardly go to sleep at night. I laid the Evangel on my side and it quit hurting and hasn't hurt anymore. I know the Lord healed it. Praise the Lord for the Evangel; it is food to my soul.

I don't belong to the Church of God but I know it is right and believe in its teachings as far as I know. The Church of God is about twelve miles from here and I don't get to go and don't know any holiness people around here. The Lord wonderfully blesses me at home. Pray for me that I may be faithful. If anyone wishes to write me encouraging letters I would be glad to hear from you.—Mrs. Viola Stephenson, Rt. 1, Box 172-A.

NEODESHA, Kans.—I praise God for His tender mercy to me and my family. He has healed us several times. I have suffered from stomach trouble for over four years and thought surely I had a cancer about six weeks ago and was very worried about it. I had written to Brother B. R. Huguen, 300 Capitol Ave., S. E., Atlanta, Ga., several times and every time I wrote I would get better but the devil would tell me the Lord hadn't healed and I would get worse again, but I believed the Lord could so I wrote Brother Huguen again and told him to pray hard for me and I promised the Lord I would testify for Him in the Evangel if He would heal me, and praise God, I was healed in Jesus' name.

I have several last year's copies of the Evangel that I will send to anyone who wants them.—Louise Carpenter.

CLEARWATER, Fla.—I praise God for old time, blood-bought, Holy-Ghost salvation. I praise Him for His healing power. On November 25 God wonderfully healed me. I don't know exactly what the trouble was but I know I have never been so sick. The doctor said I had flu but I got worse and I believe I had pneumonia. When Brothers French and Rains, our evangelist and pastor, and some of the neighbors prayed and held on to God for me, and when the power of God went through my body the pain was gone. I appreciate the Lord and want to trust Him with my body. He healed my

mother of T. B. when Brother Rouse anointed a handkerchief and sent to her.

Pray for my unsaved loved ones, and especially for my mother. She is saved but needs the Holy Ghost. Pray for the church at Clearwater, that it will be a soul-saving station. We have a good Sunday School and Y. P. E., and one of the best pastors. We also appreciate Brother and Sister French and Sister Trim, our evangelists. Pray that we will have an old time, Holy-Ghost, revival here.—Mrs. O. M. Meeks, Rt. 1, Box 160.

DUBLIN, Ga.—I am glad because I am still on my Savior's side. I thank Him for His goodness, mercy and wonderful love to me. I want to get closer to Him and do more for Him; I want to be more humble and have more patience. I am so glad ten years ago God saved my soul from sin, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost. I thank Him for His healing power. I am so thankful for the great Church of God. I am happy in Him and I know if I hold out faithful to the end He will give me a crown of life. Pray for me that I will be working for Him when He comes or calls.—Mrs. K. J. Jernigan, c/o J. T. Braddy, Rt. 6.

EDGEFIELD, S. C.—I am glad I can report victory in my soul and that the Holy Ghost abides. I have been in this good way about eight months and am not a bit tired. We bear many persecutions but we are able to take them for I am looking forward to a mansion in the glory world. I want to be drawn closer to my Savior and have more faith in Him so I can trust my body with Him.

Many heavy burdens I bear for my unsaved companion and other loved ones who seem so careless about their souls. Help me pray for them; pray for our pastor and his family whom we love. Also pray that our little church will grow in number. Let's pray for each other and pray that the Lord will save more lost souls.—Addie Lou Bryan, 409 Nicholson St.

GREENVILLE, S. C.—I praise the Lord for what He is to me and for keeping me from day to day. I am so glad that I ever learned to trust Him. I get the Evangel and it is surely food to my soul. Pray for me and my companion to stay in the center of God's will.—Mrs. John R. McIntyre.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—Dear Evangel readers: I hadn't been able to turn over in bed for a year without someone turning me. Our pastor, Brother Tapley, of the Eighth Avenue church, came down and prayed for me and I am able to turn, bend or move as I like. I praise God for His healing power. I praise Him because He is the same. I love Him. I sent a request to the Evangel too and someone has

prayed. Pray that God will deliver me completely. Pray for my loved ones to be saved.—Mrs. Linda Brown, 238 Hoitt Ave.

TAMPA, Fla.—Dear readers: I am so proud of this good salvation; for His love and tender mercy. I praise Him for saving, sanctifying and giving me the Holy Ghost and for His healing power. He has healed me so many times. Three times I was near death and the doctors said they had done all they could do and there was no other help, so I just put it in the hands of the Lord and He brought me out. Bless His name. I feel good now in both soul and body. He is a friend that never fails.

Pray a special prayer for me that I will be strong in the faith. I praise the Lord for the good blessings I have received this past year in our services. I am glad we have Brother Hamby and family back for another year. Pray for us to have the best year of soul saving we have ever had.—Mrs. E. V. Channell, 602 Virginia Ave.

SEVIERVILLE, Tenn.—I praise God for His healing power. My baby had a cough all her life. When she took cold it got worse, but thank God, last Sunday God healed her on the street in Newport. On the way back from the district preachers' meeting at Morristown she coughed so much every time she went to sleep. Some of the B. T. S. girls were with us. We told God if He would heal her we would testify of it and she is well. Thank the Lord.—Mrs. J. C. Pinion.

FYFFE, Ala.—I praise the Lord for full and free salvation. I praise Him for His great healing power and because I am still under the blood. The way seems hard sometimes when we have so much sickness and hardships but I know if we will just look to Jesus He will bring comfort and peace to our souls. I asked the church to pray that the Lord would heal me of tonsillitis on the 27th day of October. My throat stayed that way three weeks, then my jaw burst on the inside and besides all that I took a light case of pneumonia and was down a week, but the Lord knows best. He knows why we have to suffer and He said He would turn all our sorrows into joy. Bless His name.—Mrs. G. M. Freeman, Rt. 1.

TICE, Fla.—I thank God because He deemed me worthy of this marvelous salvation, for His blood which flows over my soul and gives me victory. I have had the blessing going on twenty-five years and He is still very sweet and real to me. When I was very young in this way, our Editor and Publisher, who was a very young preacher, was sent to the place where I lived as our pastor and I have always been thankful for him and his sweet wife for they were a real blessing to me.

I have been sick for a long time, and for a few years I failed to trust the Lord entirely for my healing, but nearly three years ago, after much prayer and waiting before the Lord, He gave me a fresh anointing to trust Him for my body and I have used no remedies since. It is wonderful what the Lord will do for us; how He will bless and encourage us if we will only trust Him.—Jennie Braman, Box 184.



Reports From the Field



COOKEVILLE, Tenn.—Our leader, Sister Emmaline White, is surely a blessing to our church here at Brindleys Chapel. I am glad the Lord saved, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost seventeen years ago and it still holds good today. I am also glad I am a member of the Church of God. About eleven years ago when there wasn't anybody with the Holy Ghost close to us, wife and I prayed and begged the Lord with many tears that He would send forth more laborers into His vineyard. We started prayer meetings from house to house and the Lord blessed us. There are lots of people now around us who are filled with the Holy Ghost and shouting the victory.—Verda Dunn, Rt. 2.

The Tampa district ministers' conference of the Church of God convened in the mother church, Tampa, Dec. 12-13, 1939. Our esteemed overseer, Brother H. A. Hudson, was present. The district pastor gave a very hearty welcome which was responded to by Elder Thomas. Brother J. E. Lenoir brought a good message. Sisters Doman and V. Beckford also brought messages which were enjoyed.

Wednesday, the 13th, was really the day of business. H. A. Hudson gave a very instructive message on "Church Government and Discipline." Many matters of interest were dealt with. The moderator in his usual way gave very good instructions. Praise God for them! The district pastor, C. A. McIntosh, was set forth to fill the office of bishop. This gave us joy. We love him and are glad for his promotion, though no less do we realize the responsibility of so high an office. We had two more messages in the night by the writer and Elder J. T. Thomas. Elder McIntosh made an altar call and four responded.

We are going along in Jamaica. Praise God! Pray for us. Pray especially that should our district overseer be ordained to the bishopric he will be faithful. Remember me in your prayers too.—V. C. Peart Musgrove, St. Elizabeth, Ipswich P. O., Jam., B. W. I.

CLEVELAND, Ohio.—Greetings to all the Evangel readers: We are still on the battlefield in Cleveland for the Lord. We have five members standing for the great Church of God and looking forward to great success in the future. We are working to raise money to rent a place for services. Pray for us that God will take us through. We have had a hard fight. Pray for us.—Elder D. and Sister J. D. Lockett (colored), 3521 Cedar Ave.

ROCKMART, Ga. — Yarbroughtown

church had a great day in the Lord Dec. 17. We had visiting brothers and sisters from neighboring churches. We felt the presence of the Lord. Our good state overseer was with us and he brought a good message at the two o'clock service. Our district pastor, Brother Nelson, was with us also and he gave a good talk. Yes, our dear Brother Latimer, our former General Overseer, delivered a wonderful message at eleven o'clock. Our beloved pastor, Brother A. G. Kinnington, of Lindale has surely worked hard to get our church built. We have a good Sunday School. Our little church is constituted of a crowd of loyal men and women. We praise the Lord for it all. Pray for us.—J. O. Maxwell, clerk, Rt. 1.

SIMMS, Tex.—I praise God for His great love and mercy. Through prayer our good pastor and his wife were sent our way. They have been the means of many lost souls coming to the Lord. When they came there wasn't any church except a school auditorium. We would use it one week end and then we would go to a home the next week and have service, but, now, by the help of the good people and God, we have a nice little church and ground paid for and have started a parsonage, which we pray will be finished soon.

Saints, pray for us here, especially my husband who is unsaved but under conviction. Pray that he will be saved before it is too late. May God bless one and all.—Mrs. Alice Smith, Rt. 1.

Sees The Church

LAUREL, Miss.—Dear saints: As I enjoyed reading the Evangel so much I would so much appreciate all old ones sent to me, if anyone has any on hand. It doesn't make any difference about the date as they would be new to me. I am of Baptist faith but I have visited your church in Laurel and truly believe it is the right one that Jesus spoke of.

I request prayer for my son and me that we will get in the right way and live and work for the Lord. Pray for the healing of my body. I also have an unspoken request. Pray earnestly for me as I believe in prayer and I have had so many answers. I truly know the answers came from above. I want to be humble at the foot of the cross at all times. Pray for me.—Mrs. Addie Lowery, 724 Windham Ave.

HIAWASSEE, Ga.—We are still praising God for victory. The Church of God here at Mt. Zion is still on fire for God. We thank God for our pastor, Brother L.

M. Burchett. He is a good preacher and we believe God sent him here to strengthen this church. God has blessed wonderfully here and we know He will continue to if we stay humble.

Please pray for us that God will send a great revival here and souls will get saved, for I feel it won't be long until there won't be any more opportunities. May the Lord help us to be a blessing to some one.—Geneva Hooper.

Paid Off Indebtedness

GOLDSBORO, N. C. — We, the Church of God at Goldsboro, N. C., thank God for our new pastor, Brother Roland Verrico, his wife and little baby, and Sisters Virginia and Helen. Since Brother Verrico has been with us the Sunday School has about doubled. We have paid off about \$300 indebtedness on the church. We have a regular radio program each Sunday from 3:00-3:00 p. m. They have organized a Y. P. E. and L. W. W. B. Pray much for us.—Millard Boyette, clerk, 100 E. Mulberry St.

Orphanage Report

Cash receipts for October, November, December, 1939:

Alabama	\$249.69
Arizona	4.91
Arkansas	31.89
California	75.18
Colorado	1.00
Delaware	4.08
District of Columbia	4.24
Florida	335.51
Foreign	1.00
Georgia	216.53
Illinois	125.88
Idaho	7.89
Indiana	32.74
Iowa	5.55
Kansas	20.88
Kentucky	251.25
Louisiana	25.89
Maine	14.77
Maryland	83.38
Massachusetts	7.83
Michigan	93.77
Minnesota	10.37
Mississippi	109.62
Missouri	88.69
Montana	30.17
Nebraska	2.91
New Mexico	16.33
North Carolina	735.42
North Dakota	44.52
Ohio	301.68
Oklahoma	46.00
Oregon	8.94
Pennsylvania	215.70
South Carolina	439.58

South Dakota	42.63
Tennessee	440.94
Texas	128.16
Virginia	123.85
Washington	26.44
West Virginia	234.63
Miscellaneous	\$1,005.22

\$5,645.66

MISCELLANEOUS

Alabama

Jonesboro Church of God, Bessemer—29 towels, 6 wash cloths, 1 quilt.

R. J. Dollars, Pinson—11 towels, 2 spoons.

Miss Margaret Wright, Prattville—4 story books, 1 paper doll book, 8 small dolls, 1 toy deer, 2 games, 1½ yds. plaid, 2 yds. suiting.

Arkansas

L. W. W. B., Eudora—1 quilt top.

Dyer Church of God, Holly Grove—9 towels, 1 muffin pan.

Brother and Sister Garner, Marked Tree—1 quilt.

California

Y. P. E., Imperial—50 towels, 1 set pillow cases, 1 pr. shoes (worn).

Florida

Church of God, Bonifay—8 teaspoons, 5 hdkfs., 1 towel, 1 pr. overshoes, 1 slip.

S. T. Duckworth, Branford—6 prs. knee pants, 13 bathing suits, 2 prs. overalls, 9 prs. shoes, 5 blouses, 2 prs. knick-knacks.

Maggie Langston, Durant—10 yds. toweling.

Mrs. B. W. Watson, Lake Wales—36 towels.

Church of God, Mt. Dora—1 suit, 68 hdkfs., 5 yds. prints, 8 wash cloths, 1 towel, 2 yds. toweling, 1 pk. bias binding.

Happy Smith, St. Joy—1 towel, 1 wash cloth.

L. W. W. B., Tarpon Springs—13 towels, 4½ yds. print.

Church of God, Zellwood—2 prs. step-ins, 4 autograph books, 1 box powder, 17 towels, 1 bottle brilliantine, 2 bars soap, 2 boxes hdkfs., 1 tube tooth paste, 1 comb, 1 nail file, 1 fork, 3 spoons. Toys: 1 hoe, rake and shovel, 1 vacuum cleaner, 6 cars, 1 telephone, 1 tool set, 2 tea sets, 2 pastry sets, 1 Popeye game, 1 set building blocks, 2 stoves, 2 tops, 1 ball, 2 dolls, 1 tractor, 1 pig game.

Georgia

Church of God, Nashville—1 sheet, 1 wash cloth, 18 men's hdkfs., 1½ yds. voile, 2 yds. print, 1 pr. anklets, 1 towel. Worn goods: 1 pr. shoes, 1 suit.

Mrs. Effie Tolbert, Palmetto—1 compact, 1 box hdkfs., 1 box stationery.

Church of God, Riverside—110 Testaments.

Church of God, Rocky Ford—23 qts. fruit, 1 spread, 8 towels, 6 bowls, 10 teaspoons, 2 slips, 3 prs. shorts, 1 set pil-

low cases, 1 sheet, 2 cards bobby pins, 7 yds. print, 1 set jacks. Worn: 2 prs. shoes, 6 play suits, 2 prs. pants, 1 dress, 1 dresser scarf.

Mrs. Minnie Jones, Savannah—1 comfort.

Mrs. Bessie Jeffords, Waresboro—1 quilt.

Indiana

Church of God, Indianapolis—6 hdkfs., 3 sweaters, 1 quilt, 4 wash cloths, 1 quilt top. Toys: 1 doll house, 1 set toys, 6 story books, 4 bears, 1 football, 1 merry-go-round.

G. Laddesaw, Maywood—Worn: 15 prs. socks, 1 purse, 10 hdkfs., 3 patterns, 9 sweaters, 2 aprons, 5 prs. pants, 2 caps, 3 prs. pajamas, 1 luncheon cloth, 1 dress collar, 2 scarfs, 1 clock, 9 suits underwear, 1 feed sack, 1 picture, 1 sack buttons. Toys: 1 football, 25 toys, 1 doll pillow.

Kentucky

Mrs. Jamie Stansburg, Benham—6 knives, 6 forks, 12 teaspoons, 3 towels, 1 bedspread. Worn: 4 dresses.

Marie Dooley, Clemons—51 towels.

Geneva Hack, Louisville—15 towels, 15 wash cloths, 1 pr. pants, 1 shirt, 1 sweater.

Michigan

Church of God, Port Huron—12 prs. socks, 39 hdkfs., 2 play suits, 1 cap, 1 sweater, 8 ties, 4 pieces binding, 41 yds. prints.

C. G. Carder, Port Huron—26 small toys.

Minnesota

Sister H. E. Ramsey and members and friends of the Church of God—9½ yds. voile, 5 yds. outing, 3 yds. rayon, 106¼ yds. prints, 1 pack rickrack, 1 pk. binding, 1 card buttons.

Church of God, Herman—13 Christmas gifts.

Mississippi

T. W. Godwin, Hattiesburg—8 towels, 6 knives, 10 forks, 6 teaspoons, 10 table-spoons.

Eva Mills, Macon—1 hdkf., 1 vase, 1 toy wagon.

North Carolina

Mrs. R. H. Snieder, Asheville—1 play suit, 1 dress.

Church of God, Biltmore—2 prs. socks, 1 purse, 11 small toys.

Church of God, West Gastonia—60 sample bars soap, 3 large bars soap, 29 towels, 3 wash cloths.

Church of God, High Shoals—1 quilt, 1 box hdkfs., 3 prs. gloves, 1 pr. panties, 9 baby slips, 1 towel. Worn: 9 dresses. Toys: 3 tea sets, 1 stove, 2 dolls.

Dorcas Sigman, Valdese—20 toys, 48 prs. anklets, 1 doll. Worn: 1 suit, 1 shirt, 2 prs. pants, 12 prs. socks, 2 dresses.

North Dakota

Y. P. E., Beulah—12 towels.

Ohio

Ethel Skinner, Hamilton—1 quilt.

Church of God, Lancaster—35 towels, 6 wash cloths, 6 blankets.

Oklahoma

Church of God, Anadarko—1 bedspread, 4 towels, 10 teaspoons.

W. C. Hill, Maud—4 prs. stockings, 1 towel, 1 jacket, 2 yds. print. Worn: 1 hat.

R. S. Collins, Seminole—11 towels, 2 wash cloths, 5 teaspoons, 1 fork, 6 glasses, 1 salt and pepper shaker, 4 bars soap, 1 apron, 1 blouse, 1 quilt top, 2 shirts, 1 small doll.

Pennsylvania

Violet DeFino, Adah—4 yds. material, 1 slip, 1 brassiere, 49 hdkfs.

S. M. Sutton, East Brady—13 lbs. popcorn.

Church of God, Johnstown—45 hdkfs., 4 prs. hose, 10 pencil boxes, 1 box candy, 3 prs. socks, 1 slip, 1 dress, 12 ties, 1 belt and tie set, 2 raincoats, 1 box stationery. Toys: 18 color books, 2 paper dolls, 2 rag elephants, 30 toys.

Church of God, Manns Choice—2 sheets, 16 towels, 4 wash cloths.

Mrs. Daisy Loulet, Monongahela—15 toy cats and dogs.

Church of God, Waynesburg—15 towels.

South Carolina

Y. P. E., Greenwood—30 towels, 18 knives, 18 forks, 18 teaspoons, 5 table-spoons, 2 bedspreads.

Brandon Circle, Greenville—2 shirts, 9 dresses, 2 slips.

Judson Circle, Greenville—31 yds. outing.

L. W. W. B., Lancaster—1 double blanket.

Mrs. Cora Canthem, Lancaster—15 tops.

Church of God, Langley—19 boxes hdkfs., 51 hdkfs.

Mrs. Dovie Fields, Orangeburg—1 quilt top.

Church of God, York—12 teaspoons, 45 towels, 5 pencils, 2 tablets, 1½ yds. domestic, 10 pillow cases, 1 sheet. Worn: 1 pr. shoes. Toys: 3 balls, 2 paint books, 1 paint set, 1 gun, 1 doll.

TENNESSEE

L. W. W. B., Alcoa—2 quilts, 1 set pillow cases, 6 towels, 1 wash cloth.

Gale Lawson, Cleveland—2 bags oranges.

R. W. Apples, Granville—1 pencil, 1 hdkf., 1 towel, 2 prs. hose.

Y. P. E., Lenoir City—24 towels.

Church of God, Selmar—6 towels.

Church of God, Shelbyville—1 pr. bloomers, 1 pr. gloves, 1 pr. anklets, 1 scarf. Worn: 2 coats, 5 prs. shoes, 10 dresses, 6 hats, 1 skirt, 1 slip, 7 sweaters.

Y. P. E., Townsend—1 blanket, 1 quilt.

Church of God, Whitwell and Cumberland—88 towels, 2 wash cloths.

Texas

Church of God, Ladonia—3 towels.
Toys: 11 toys, 1 set cat and kittens.

Ethel Alexander, Montalba—5 dresses,
1 slip, 1 box bath powder. Worn: 1 cap,
1 coat.

J. F. Peet, Orange—11 towels, 1 quilt,
5 yds. print, 1 bar soap.

Church of God, Paris—21 towels, 3
prs. shorts, 1 play suit, 3 prs. pants, 1
vest, 2 coats, 1 shirt, 1 pr. pajamas, 1
bedspread, 1 quilt top, 2 prs. pillow cases,
3 dresses, 10 teaspoons, 2 teacups, 2 sau-
cers, 2 pie plates, 3 pot holders, 2 dolls, 1
top.

Vessie D. Hargrave, Simms—50 tow-
els, 6 boxes hdkfs., 1 tie, 1 brush and
comb, 2 toy hatchets.

Church of God, Sulphur Springs—40
towels, 9 boxes hdkfs., 7 men's hdkfs.
Toys: 4 dolls, 1 elephant, 1 rabbit.

Virginia

H. W. McClure, Ivanhoe—10 towels.
Lula Pack, Ivanhoe—10 towels, 1 wash
cloth.

Rev. and Mrs. E. Ray Kirk and Philli,
Berton—1 sweater, 1 pr. gloves, 1 paint
set, 1 sewing set.

West Virginia

Church of God, Moundsville—19 tow-
els, 1 wash cloth.

L. W. W. B., Parkersburg, 20 bath
towels, 10 tea towels, 3 dish cloths, 4
teaspoons, 13 wash cloths, 1 small dress.
Toys: 10 balls, 3 musical tops, 2 musical
boxes.

Sunday School, Smithers—30 lbs. can-
dy.

Mrs. A. T. Little, Switchback—1 quilt,
1 dish towel, 1 towel, 1 wash cloth, 2
prs. socks, 9 prs. shoes, 1 boy's jersey.
Worn: 2 raincoats, 3 dresses, 1 pr. pants,
1 coat, 5 sweaters.

Name and address unknown—1 quilt.

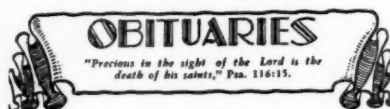
Name and address unknown—2 towels,
1 wash cloth.

Mrs. Mary L. Tidwell (address un-
known)—1 pr. shoes, 1 pr. pillow cases.
Worn: 2 prs. pants, 4 slips, 1 pr. pan-
ties, 1 coat, 2 dresses.

Mission Receipts for Last Quarter

Alabama	\$144.48
Arkansas	21.21
Arizona	4.07
California	232.51
Delaware	3.97
District of Columbia	7.70
Florida	370.83
Georgia	232.51
Idaho	3.13
Indiana	19.00
Illinois	144.06
Iowa	40.80
Kansas	6.90
Kentucky	67.09
Louisiana	99.52
Maine	2.04
Maryland	77.83

South Carolina	490.53
South Dakota	14.75
Tennessee	245.24
Texas	79.65
Virginia	78.51
Washington	15.11
West Virginia	402.31
Massachusetts	.78
Michigan	97.08
Mississippi	45.29
Missouri	110.42
Minnesota	9.90
Montana	13.59
North Carolina	466.02
North Dakota	4.97
New Jersey	1.00
New Mexico	17.86
Nebraska	2.99
Ohio	348.73
Oklahoma	22.81
Oregon	3.35
Pennsylvania	107.12



CARPENTER

Evangelist A. A. Carpenter has gone to be with Jesus his Savior. He was born April 10, 1852 and died Dec. 28, 1939, age eighty-seven years, eight months and eighteen days. He held meetings in the states of Missouri, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, and South Carolina. After getting too feeble to travel in the evangelistic work, he took pleasure in praying for the requests in the Evangel and corresponding with many. He leaves to mourn his death eight children, twenty grandchildren, seventeen great grandchildren and a host of friends.—His son, H. V. Carpenter, Detroit, Mich.

HALL

Sister Mattie (Rice) Hall passed away Jan. 2, 1940 at the age of twenty-six years. Sister Mattie was a member of the Church of God. — Bill Cook, Sparta, Tenn.

SAWYER

Little Shirley Ann Sawyer passed away Dec. 2, 1939, age two months and five days.—Mrs. J. M. Baldree, Tarpon Springs, Fla.

BUNDY

Mary E. Bundy was born June 24, 1864 and died Dec. 16, 1939, age seventy-five years, five months and two days. She was a true and beloved mother.—Julia Proffitt, Brodhead, Ky.

BARRETT

Joel Clark Barrett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Barrett, was born Oct. 27, 1939 and died Dec. 12, 1939.—His grandmother,

Mrs. Oma Garrett, Hiawasse, Ga.

MERIDETH

Brother M. T. Merideth, a very faith-
ful member of the Church of God at
Louisville, Ky., was born in 1869 and de-
parted this life July 12, 1939.—His pas-
tor, G. W. Lane, Louisville, Ky.

MOORE

W. H. Moore, age seventy-four years,
eight months and ten days, departed this
life Jan. 2, 1940. He died as he lived—
trusting in God.—His daughter, Mrs.
Thos. Harris, Brownsboro, Ala.

BLACK

Brother Frank Black died Dec. 29,
1939 at the age of thirty-three years. He
was sanctified and ready to go.—Mrs.
Daisy Hooks, Dallas, N. C.

FOLIS

Mrs. Sarah Folis departed this life Dec.
31, 1939, age fifty years.—Martha E.
Frith, Blue Hill, Turks Island, B. W. I.

RICE

Edd Rice departed this life Nov. 6,
1939, age twenty-five years. He trusted
God to the end.—Edna Melton, Burns-
ville, N. C.

SINGO

Little Shirley June Singo, daughter of
Brother and Sister Charlie Singo, de-
parted this life Dec. 31, 1939, age thir-
teen months and three days.—W. L. Ram-
sey, pastor, Acosta, Pa.

EDMONDS

Sister Mary V. Edmonds, a faithful
member of the Church of God at Shorts
Creek, Va., departed this life Jan. 3,
1940, age thirty-one years, eight months
and three days.—Mrs. Geo. Berry, Austin-
ville, Va.

JONES

Brother David Jones, one of our faith-
ful workers and deacons, at East New
Market, Md., departed this life Jan. 4,
1940.—Lloyd L. Palmer (colored), Sea-
ford, Del.

REVIVALS

ELI, Ky.—We are glad to report vic-
tory in the two weeks' revival which was
held here at Park Ridge conducted by
Brother Hall and our pastor, Evert Foster.
One was saved and four sanctified.
Some good preaching was done. We were
glad to have the visitors with us, Brother
L. L. Hughes and some Bible School stu-
dents; we had large crowds and good al-
tar services. The church has been greatly
encouraged. I desire your prayers that I
will ever be a light for Jesus and the
Church of God.—Siclotha McKinley,
clerk.

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL



LIFE

BY CHARLES CONN

Life! Life is swift as a fawn; it is slow as a turtle. Life is beautiful as the morning; life is ugly as a witch. Life is fair as a maiden; it is dark as a storm. Life is kind as an angel; it is cruel as a ghou! Life is silent as slumber; it is noisy as a skirmish. Life is what we make it!

The choice of life is ours. We may choose that life which we must live. We may accept God into our lives, with all that is beautiful and kind, or we can cling to Satan with all that is ugly and cruel. We must choose one of the two!

Saturday, January 20, your reporter will celebrate his twentieth birthday. Twenty years of life! In that short span I have lived the life of some people twice the age.

By way of reminiscence, I look back over many occurrences which I rue, many that I cherish, and many for which I thank my Savior. I rue the wasted years of my life, those when I had had no intro-

duction to Jesus Christ; years of secular study, high ambitions, and sought-for pleasure; years that were wasted and are gone!

Though I continually regret those transient years, I thank the Lord for 1939! I had become a skeptic to things supernatural—a secularist. On May 1, as I sat on an Atlanta street car, I mustered the faith to be saved. My penitence was rewarded with a deep, definite, heartfelt experience with Jesus Christ my Lord.

That with which I was clothed fell from me—I was made free, but bound securely to God! May 23 I accepted the Holy Ghost into my life, there to abide forever. Since May I have lived far more than I did in the nineteen years of my mad chase of pleasure and gaiety! Now, after death I'll dwell forever with my Lord in the "land of the living." Friends, sin and worldliness have only bitter fruits—only God is certain life! "Take a bite of life!"—but let that life be God!

*"Only one life, 'twill soon be past;
Only what's done for Christ will last."*

The B. T. S. classes are again under way. We enjoyed our visits home, but that is only memory now and we have settled back down to weeks of diligent study. Our goals are still high and our interests keen—therefore much should be accomplished for the Lord in 1940.

Several new students are starting the new year with us, swelling our ranks. The Church of God Bible Training School is growing rapidly. Though we have a large body of students this term, there is sure to be a larger one next term. On my visits to the Riverside and Atlanta churches I discovered that many are planning to attend next term. Surely God's approval is on this school!

With the spiritual strides we are taking, Satan can find no obstacle with which to stop our advance. The crop of today's B. T. S. is the backbone of tomorrow's Church of God. The Church of the future is what we of today make it—its success is dependent on our strength and courage. And, by keen observation, I predict the Church of God is going places! We are not afraid to live for God!

The Lord Is Coming

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our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming! 1 Thess. 3:13—the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thess. 4:15—we that are alive shall not prevent them which are asleep unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Thess. 2:1—by the coming of our Lord Jesus. 2 Thess. 2:8—will destroy the Antichrist with the brightness of His coming! James 5:7—patient unto the coming of the Lord. James 5:8—the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. 2 Peter 1:16—power and coming of the Lord.

"And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming." 1 John 2:28. How would you feel if the Lord were to come just now? Would you be ashamed? Is there anything that needs fixing?

There are some who may say, "I don't believe He is coming." That does not change things a bit. Just what are you

going to do at His coming? Will you be ashamed before Him at His coming? It is time, Christian people, that all differences be cast aside and all love each other. The Lord is coming! The Lord is coming! You, who are not ready, prepare, get ready for it just as quickly as you can, He may come any hour now! Someone may ask, "Why have you given up worldly pleasures?" The Lord is coming! "Why are you trying to get people saved?" The Lord is coming! "Why do you go to meeting so regularly?" The Lord is coming! Friends, I don't want to hold anything in my heart against my fellow man—the Lord is coming!!!!

His coming may be today, tomorrow, or next month—He is coming as a thief in the night and let us ever be ready. If your sins have not been forgiven, seek the Lord for salvation; He can sanctify; He can fill you with the Holy Ghost. Don't be ashamed of Him, accept Him today for we may help Him rule the whole world. HE IS COMING!

Daily Bread

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that they have destroyed their enemies and won a spoil so rich and valuable that they could turn it into use against the powers of the enemy. So it is with the children of God, we may be more than conquerors through Him that loved us, and utilize every weapon that is formed against us for the purpose of defeating the powers of the enemy.

The Second Coming of Jesus

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pardon. He willeth not the death of any but rather that all men repent. Jesus stands with outstretched hands inviting you to come. The Holy Ghost is present tonight to convict men of sin and of unrighteousness. As I plead with you tonight, may God touch your heart and may you say, "Lord Jesus, come into my life and into my soul to live." Come to the mercy seat, rend your hearts and not your garments. Amen.

Editorially Speaking

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ligion. It has been that way from the earliest of our recollection. Every man feels that men were better in his grandfather's day, or in his father's day, and so it has gone, and according to the way people look at it, or many of the crepe-hangers, we are always headed for destruction, the Church will soon go on the rocks, our educational system will be torn down, our social laws and orders will crumble to decay; but after all, the man who really contributes to life, makes life worth living, contributes to the community, the state in which he lives and to the nation, is the man who looks forward to better things, the man who thinks on a higher plane, and then after he has thought sets to work to make everything better than it was before. The social, political, or religious crepe-hanger contributes little to the nation and less to the Church. God is looking for a band of optimists who will not acknowledge wrong as defeating right, who will acknowledge wrong as existing but will laugh at its charge against the works of God, and declare our God and the Church of God the victor.

Question Box

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ter right by keeping her single, that she has come to the age of womanhood, he may either give her in marriage or he may refuse. In either event he does not sin. He has the right as a father to either submit or to reject.

Question: Will the infants and little children under the age of accountability, living at the time of the rapture, go with the saints in the rapture?—A. B.

Answer: Matt. 19:14, "But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Children are a part of the citizenship of heaven and when they die are accounted as those who are dead in Christ and will come forth in the resurrection. Surely they will have part also in the rapture, that is, those who are living when Christ comes.

Question: Rev. 5:3 says, "And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book." Rev. 5:5, "The Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book." Where did they find Jesus?—F. A. B.

Answer: One must realize that the Son of God was not human until He became incarnate in human flesh. And again, it must be realized that when He ascended to heaven He was again stripped of His humanity, flesh and blood, though while upon earth He was both human and divine. He is now one of the Deity, the Eternal Son of God. The question of opening the seals was one of human im-

possibility. The Lion of the tribe of Judah was the answer to the question of the divine.

Question: Will there be any who have taken the mark of the beast enter out into the millennium with Christ?—B. M. C.

Answer: There is no scripture to justify an answer to this question. Probably there will be some.

Question: Which generation is the oldest, the Jew or the Gentile?—B. M. C.

Answer: The word "Gentile" means "nation." All the people who were not Jews were so-called by them, being aliens from the worship, rights, and privileges of Israel. However, the word "Gentile" was used contemptuously by the Jews. In the New Testament the word "Greek" is used as its synonym. The term "Jew" came from the descendants of Judah, later on all Israel taking on the name of Jews.

Question: Is the wine in Rev. 6:6 a strong drink?—D. M. C.

Answer: Yes. "A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny" showed the expensiveness of living, that is, of buying that which was needed. However, this famine, as always does, fell mostly among the poor. The rich were those that fared sumptuously in wine and oil and that was not hurt.

Question: When people die with the experiences of being saved and sanctified, and not baptized with the Holy Ghost, are they fit to be in the Bride?—E. S.

Answer: If sanctification means purity, then those who are sanctified will certainly be pure if they are in Christ. According to the Word of God, when Jesus comes to rapture His saints away the dead in Christ shall rise first and they shall certainly be in that number. All of the dead in Christ shall go in the rapture according to the scripture found in 1 Thess. 4:16.

Question: Did the literal Church exist under the law?—E. S.

Answer: All the church that existed under the law was a literal church. It is called in the New Testament "the church in the wilderness."

Question: Will the Old Testament prophets who lived under the law, be in the Bride?—E. S.

Answer: The kingdom is of the Jews. The Church is overwhelmingly Gentiles. It is our opinion that the Old Testament prophets will have part in the kingdom and not a part in the rapture and marriage supper which is for the Church.

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J. H. Walker, General Overseer

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